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Review Comments
For
Revised
ITA Evergreening Strategy FY2003

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Introduction

The revised document ITA Evergreening Strategy FY2003, dated May 13, was reviewed with special attention to the addressing of review comments for the previous version of this document.

Comments and Recommendations

The revised document corrects the minor problems identified in the previous review, but does not address the major weakness of this document. The achievement of the document's stated purpose remains illusive. It is stated that this document "explains the planned upgrades by the ITA team for FY2003." Then several software upgrades are identified. It is implied that 4 "Key Drivers" are driving these upgrades. The reader is required to assume that the listed upgrades will support these objectives (i.e., Key Drivers). The document does not make a clear, direct connection between any of the upgrades and any of the specific Key Drivers. A list of Benefits and/or New Functionality is listed for each upgrade, but it is not explained how these relate to any of the Key Drivers. Thus the reasons or justifications (with respect to Key Drivers) for the upgrades are not explained. Note: there is some discussion under the Comment column in the Change History Logs. It is clear that upgrades will add features and correct some bugs present in previous software versions, but the reader should not be forced to jump to the conclusion that the upgrades will support the achievement of Key Drivers or will provide meaningful performance improvements. The document should clearly establish this linkage. This can be addressed by explaining how each upgrade will contribute to the achievement of each of the 4 listed Key Drivers.